

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Previously, claims 2, 13, 14, 20-28 and 30 were canceled and claims 61-66 were added. In this amendment, claims 31-60 have been canceled, and claims 67-81 have been added. No new matter has been added.

After entry of this amendment, therefore, claims 1, 3-12, 15-19, 29 and 61-81 are pending.

In the present Office Action, claims 1, 3-12, 15-19, 29 and 61-66 stand allowed. Claims 31-60 (now canceled) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on U.S. Patent no. 6,493,671 of Ladd et al. in view of U.S. Patent no. 5,724,481 of Garberg et al.

Since all of the rejected claims have been canceled in this amendment, the prior art rejection is believed to be moot.

New claims 67-81 are all dependent upon claim 29, which stands allowed. These new claims recite subject matter similar to that recited in dependent claims 3-12 and 15-19 (which also stand allowed).

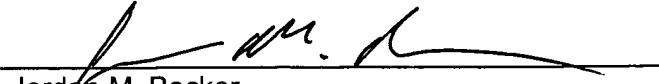
Therefore, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly requested.

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